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SUBJECT: PARTIES' COMMENTS ON OCTOBER 12 PARTIAL SENATE
ELECTIONS

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1. POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS LATE OCTOBER 13 MADE THE FOLLOWING
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE OCTOBER 12 PARTIAL
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SENATE ELECTION AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BI-ELECTIONS:

A. PRIMIN DEMIREL JUSTICE PARTY (JP) CHAIRMAN, DECLARED THAT IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, "THE JP WILL COME TO POWER ALONE." HE STATED THAT THE ELECTIONS HAD "STRENGTHENED THE STABILITY" OF THE COUNTRY AND THAT THE JP WOULD "CONTINUE WITH OUR DUTY IN THE GOVERNMENT." CONCERNING EARLY ELECTIONS, DEMIREL NOTED "IF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY ARE MAINTAINED, IT IS NECESSARY TO HOLD ELECTIONS AT THE TIME STIPULATED BY THE CONSTITUTION, (I.E. 1977). IT IS NOT CORRECT TO HOLD ELECTIONS ANY TIME ONE WISHES." COMMENTING FOR THE FIRST TIME ABOUT THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO, DEMIREL SAID, "THEY WERE NOT (RPT NOT) HANDING OVER GOODS FOR WHICH WE HAD PAID. NOW THEY ARE...THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT." DEMIREL ADDED, "WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW IS NOT (RPT NOT) KNOWN...THE GOVERNMENT IS RUNNING ITS FOREIGN POLICY WITHIN THESE PRINCIPLES (OF THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM). CERTAINLY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL APPRAISE ALL OF IT AND IF THERE ARE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AFTER THE APPRAISAL, THEY WILL BE TAKEN."

B. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT SIMILARLY CLAIMED HIS OWN PARTY WOULD COME TO POWER ALONE IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS. HE OBSERVED THAT "EVEN THOUGH THE RIGHT WING VOTES UNITED IN THE JP AS MUCH AS THEY COULD, THE RPP CONTINUED TO MAKE PROGRESS IN ITS NEW DIRECTION AND MAINTAINED ITS POSITION AS THE STRONGEST PARTY." ECEVIT MADE NO COMMENT ON THE PROSPECT OF EARLY ELECTIONS.

C. NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) DEPUTY CHAIRMAN CUMALIOGLU OBSERVED THAT HIS PARTY HAD NOT (RPT NOT) LOST VOTES (COMMENT: PUBLISHED UNOFFICIAL RETURNS INDICATE THE NSP DROPPED ALMOST 200,000 VOTES COMPARED TO 1973 RETURNS FROM THE SAME 27 PROVINCES) AND HAD "PROVED ONCE AGAIN" THAT IT IS THE THIRD STRONGEST PARTY. CUMALIOGLU STATED THAT THE NSP WAS NOT (RPT NOT) CONTEMPLATING EARLY ELECTIONS OR LEAVING THE COALITION.

D. NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) DEPUTY SEC GEN KOSEOGU ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT COALITION WOULD CONTINUE SINCE "NO PARTY ACHIEVED A RESULT WHICH WOULD UPSET THE COALITION."

E. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WHICH SLIPPED BADLY IN THE ELECTION,
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HAS ISSUED NO STATEMENT YET.

2. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE ELECTION RESULTS AND EDITORIAL REACTIONS
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